



WPAS Working Group: "RULES & REGULATIONS"

MEETING DATE: 23 February 2021

AGENDA

1. The task for the Rules Working Group is to determine the support or non-support of presenting Crystal Globes to athletes for the 2020-21 season. The questions that arise are as follows:
 - a. Given the regional participation globally, do our WPAS Rules and Regulations allow for this.
 - i. It isn't important to look at the combined set of rules on this topic, as the decision may not follow one rule section, while not the other, hence, the need for this meeting and discussion.
 - b. Given our rules and the requirements of IPC legal, does our decision potentially conflict with any legal considerations? (This will be determined once the Working Group has come to a decision, that will then be presented to legal for review).
2. Kevin Jardine has provided the following summary and "voting" from the field of play. This provides us context as to the rule(s) in question, and the perception that is in the field as to expectation of what can be done. I believe this frames our conversation.

Here are two rules that we need to look at for the trophies:

Rule 1.

302 World Cup (Level 0) and Europa Cup, NORAM (Level 1) Point System, Rankings and Trophies

In order to have trophies awarded the following criteria must be met. World Cup (Level 0) requires events in at least two (2) different regions and at least two (2) different disciplines. EC and NORAM (Level 1) requires events in at least two (2) different countries and at least two (2) different disciplines. Regions are as follows:

- Asia-Pacific

- Europe
- North America
- Scandinavia
- South America

Argument: Races were calendared in 3 different regions but were cancelled due to COVID. Europe, Scandinavia, and Asia

Rule 2.

302.5 World Cup Trophies

A World Cup trophy for the winner and medals for the top three (3) ranked athletes/guides will be awarded in each category/discipline and in the individual overall ranking competition. Four (4) calendared races within a competition season are required in each individual discipline at the World Cup level to constitute the award of a discipline trophy.

If a discipline does not have enough calendared World Cup starts in a competition season for an individual trophy, the races will still count towards Nations Cup and overall trophies for the specific competition season.

For VI categories, only one guide per VI athlete will be awarded per discipline and overall trophies. In the event an athlete has more than one guide, the team manager must communicate the name of the primary guide to the WPAS STC and LOC representatives at the last Team Captains Meeting before the award ceremony.

The winners of the individual disciplines receive small World Cup trophies while the overall classification winners will receive large World Cup trophies. The nations trophy will be awarded to the top ranked nation with separate trophies for men and women. WPAS will provide the trophies and medals.

All races at any given World Championships will be awarded World Cup points and included in the overall and overall discipline calculations for that particular season.

Argument: We had 4 SL and 4 GS so SL and GS globes should be awarded by this rule, so should overall and Nations Cup. If we do not award them we are breaking this rule. If we do we are breaking the other. In the future they need to be combined into one rule. FIS is awarding globes and they also are only racing in one region. This is due to COVID.

Additional Argument: The Alpine World Championships Women's GS today in Cortina had athletes from every nation that competes in our World Cup except China. Therefore there must have been a way to get permission to compete. We respect that we do not have the same budgets that they do but it was possible.

I (Kevin) have polled the following countries so far and received 24 responses: YES – we give them out. NO – not in favor of giving out. 20 countries were for awarding the trophies and 4 against.

AND- YES

AUT – YES

BEL – YES

CHI – YES

CRO – YES

CZE – YES

FRA – YES

GBR – YES

GER – YES

NED – YES

NOR- YES

SWE – YES

CAN – YES

USA – YES

ROU – YES

POL – YES

RUS – YES

SLO – YES

SUI – YES

SVK – YES

20 votes

FIN – NO

JPN- NO

AUS – NO

China – NO

4 votes against